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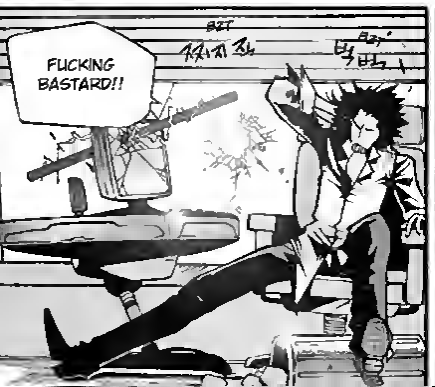
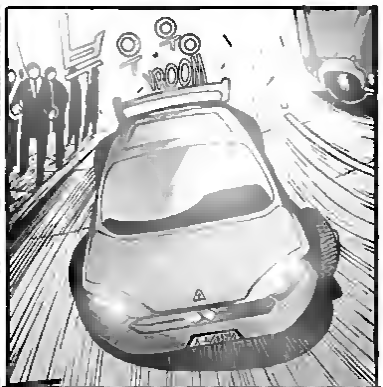
act 3. A RISKY ALLIANCE

MISTER LUMOR! THE COURT LET YOU GO DUE TO A LACK OF EVIDENCE! WHAT ARE YOU THOUGHTS?
A HOMICIDE INSPECTOR SUPPOSEDLY THREATENED YOU UNTIL YOU CONFESSED, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?
DO YOU INTEND TO FILE A CLAIM AGAINST THE POLICE?!

I JUST WANT TO GO HOME! I AM DISTURBED BY THE POLICE'S ATTITUDE, OF COURSE...
BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE, I JUST HOPE THE INVESTIGATORS FIND MY GIRLFRIEND'S TRUE KILLER...


FUCKING BASTARD!!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WHOOOM
SNIFF
WHERE DO I DROP YOU OFF?
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? I WANT TO GO HOME!
EVEN IF THEY LET YOU GO, YOU MIGHT NOT BE WELCOME AT WORK ANYMORE. PEOPLE ARE TALKING...
YOU SHOULD TRY TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE. IF I WERE YOU, I'D TRY MY LUCK IN SILICON VALLEY.
LATER!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST...
?

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
HE'LL PAY FOR THIS! STINKING COP!
I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT HE GETS FOR MESSING WITH MY LIFE!
TAP
TAP
Master
THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME DIRT IN HERE...
THERE IT IS!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
ALL RIGHT, I'M IN!
?
WHAT THE HECK!

WHO'S THIS BONO U. MEYER?
LIONEL HAS A TON OF FILES ON THIS KID!

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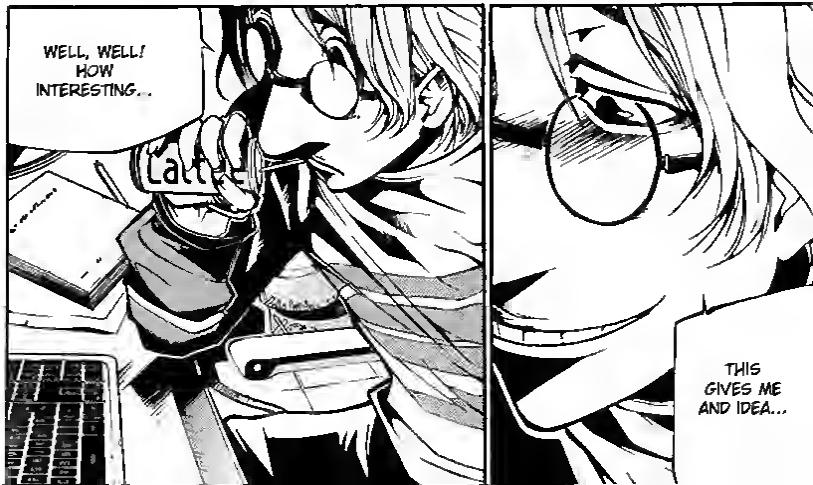
TAP
TAP
Bono U. Meyer


WELL, WELL! HOW INTERESTING..
Latte
THIS GIVES ME AND IDEA...

ROSA MEYER
Mother of the Dead
THE MOTHER OF THE DEAD... WHAT A STRANGE INSCRIPTION!
ANNA'S IDEA! I LISTENED TO HER BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT TO PUT..
HMPF
IT DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD...
ROSA MEYER
Mother of the Dead
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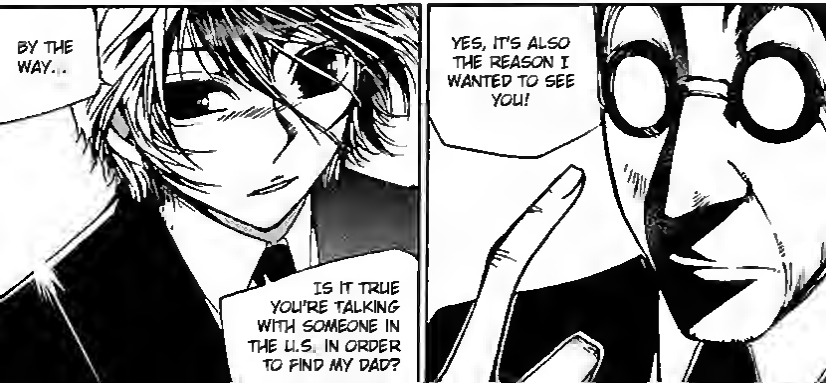
BY THE WAY...
IS IT TRUE YOU'RE TALKING WITH SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IN ORDER TO FIND MY DAD?
YES, IT'S ALSO THE REASON I WANTED TO SEE YOU!

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE WORKS FOR THE SECRET SERVICE. MISSING PERSONS CASES ARE HIS SPECIALITY.
I GAVE HIM THE CASE.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE.

YOU WERE BORN IN POLAND, YES?
HOW COME YOU HAVE A SOUTH RUSSIAN ACCENT?

WELL... A GOOD FRIEND FROM THE SEMINARY WAS FROM THERE, I MUST HAVE ACQUIRED HIS ACCENT.

YOU'RE SURE THAT'S THE ONLY REASON?

OF COURSE! BY THE WAY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE A BABEL USER, WOULD YOU?

IT MAY BE TRUE THAT A UNIVERSAL TRANSLATOR IS USEFUL, FORTY PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION ALREADY USES IT...
BUT I PERSONALLY DON'T HAVE THE NEED FOR ONE.
NOT SURPRISING ...
YOU'RE ABLE TO MASTER ANY LANGUAGE AFTER A MONTH OR TWO!
GOODBYE FATHER!
HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE NEWS OF YOUR DAD SOON..
NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER!

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SAY...
CAN YOU TELL ME WHY YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME?

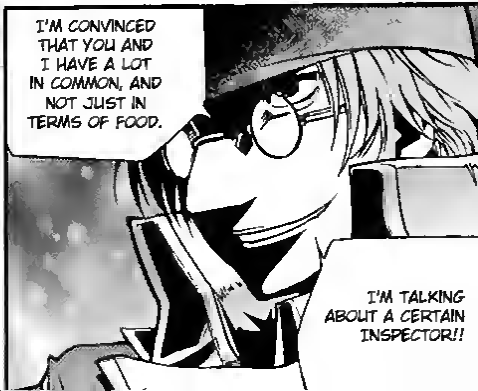
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT TRYING TO SPY ON YOU.
DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE SIMILAR TASTES, YOU AND I?
I FOUND NOTHING GOES BETTER WITH CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES THAN A NICE LATTE.

...
I RECOGNIZE YOU... I'VE SEEN YOU ON THE NEWS.

Ha Ha...
THOSE JOURNAL-ISTS SURE GOT ME!

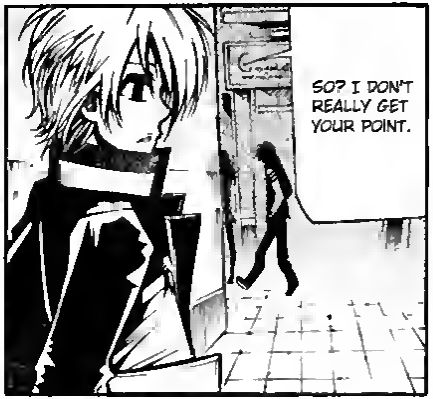
THE MEDIA CIRCUS STARTED BEFORE I WAS EVEN CHARGED...
SUDDENLY, PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T FOLLOW CURRENT AFFAIRS KNEW MY FACE.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?


I'M CONVINCED THAT YOU AND I HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, AND NOT JUST IN TERMS OF FOOD.
I'M TALKING ABOUT A CERTAIN INSPECTOR!!

YOU KNOW INSPECTOR LIONEL?

YES, UNFORTUNATELY! JUST LIKE YOU, THIS MADMAN MADE ME HIS TARGET..
WHO KNOWS, HE MIGHT EVEN BE WATCHING US RIGHT NOW!


SO? I DON'T REALLY GET YOUR POINT.

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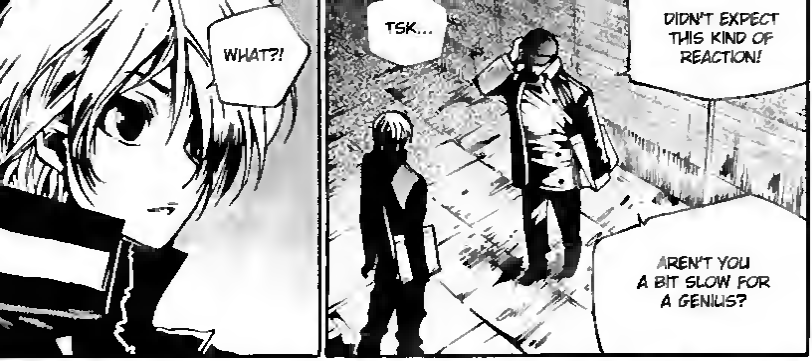
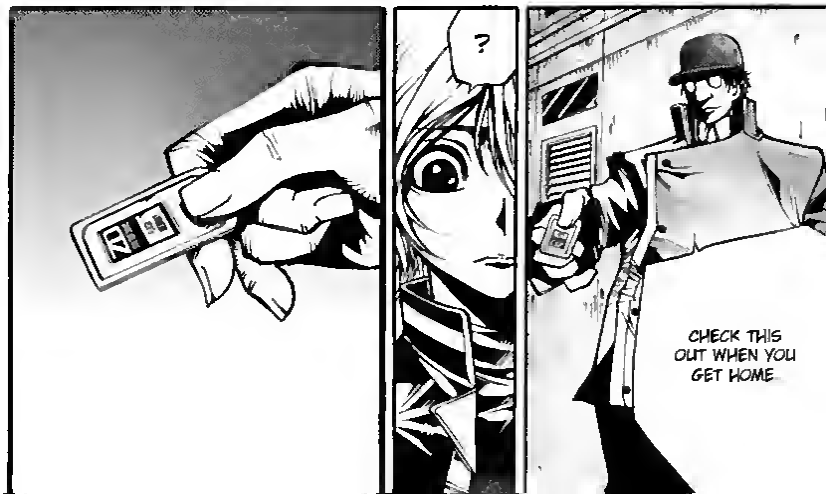
I SUGGEST AN ALLIANCE.


WHAT?!
TSK...
DIDN'T EXPECT THIS KIND OF REACTION!
AREN'T YOU A BIT SLOW FOR A GENIUS?

WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.
TOGETHER, WE CAN DISPOSE OF THAT IDIOT...

ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
TSK...
WHAT I THINK...
IS THAT, IN THE END, YOU DID KILL YOUR GIRLFRIEND!
He he...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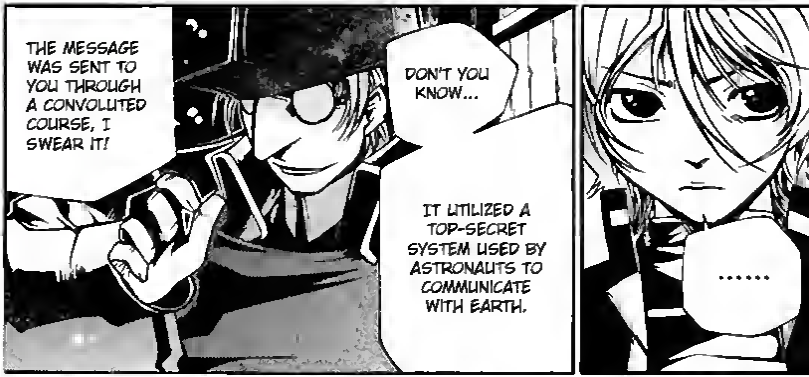
CHECK THIS OUT WHEN YOU GET HOME

BELIEVE ME, YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.
I'M CERTAIN THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE VERY USEFUL TO YOU!
WHOOPS...
FORGOT TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU COULD GET OUT OF OUR COLLABORATION
I JUST HAPPEN TO BE A FIRST-RATE HACKER..
...
YOU HAVEN'T HAPPENED TO RECEIVE A WEIRD EMAIL RECENTLY, HAVE YOU?

YOU HACKED MY COMPUTER?
He he...
DON'T BE SURPRISED! FIREWALLS THESE DAYS...


THE MESSAGE WAS SENT TO YOU THROUGH A CONVOLUTED COURSE, I SWEAR IT!
DON'T YOU KNOW...
IT UTILIZED A TOP-SECRET SYSTEM USED BY ASTRONAUTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH EARTH.
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BUT I CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR MYSTERIOUS SENDER!
THERE AREN'T A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT COULD DO AS MUCH!

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FLASH MEMORY
IT LOOKS LIKE A
IT'S A LIST OF MISSING PERSONS.
THERE'S ALSO A LIST OF THE PEOPLE WHO REPORTED THEIR DISAPPEARANCE .. JULIANNE JACOBI.. KARL RUBENS... TONY VERDIM...

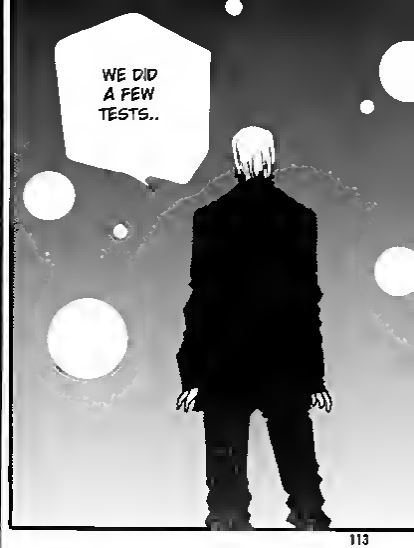
REMEMBER YOUR PIANO TEACHER, YOUR FRIEND FROM HIGH SCHOOL WHO GAVE YOU DRIVING LESSONS, OR WHAT ABOUT YOUR OLD NEIGHBOR... THEY'RE ALL SEVERELY UNBALANCED, AND YET EACH ONE SAYS THAT YOU'VE MADE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT EXIST DISAPPEAR.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE VERY TALENTED?
YOU ONLY NEEDED THREE DAYS TO LEARN THIS CZERNY PIECE... IN A WEEK, I BET YOU'LL BE PLAYING CHOPIN!
?
YOU HAVE A BRUISE ON YOUR WRIST.
IT'S NOTHING, FORGET IT..
YOUR HUSBAND BEAT YOU AGAIN?
...

SAY, MISTER ...
WHY DIDN'T YOUR WIFE COME HOME LAST NIGHT?
WHAT? WELL THAT'S...
Ha ha...
IT'S MY FAULT! I WAS A FOOL TO THINK SUCH A YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WOULD EVER WANT ME.
I THOUGHT MY LOVE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TO SATISFY HER..

LOOK HERE. FIRST YOU TURN THE KEY, THEN YOU PUSH THE CLUTCH TO GO INTO FIRST.
WOW! THIS CAR IS AWESOME! ANOTHER GIFT FROM YOUR DAD, TONY?
...
YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU.
I HAD TO PAY A TREMENDOUS PRICE TO GET IT.
?
ONE DAY, I'LL KILL MY OLD MAN FOR THAT!

STOP...!
THESE MEMORIES DON'T BELONG TO ME!!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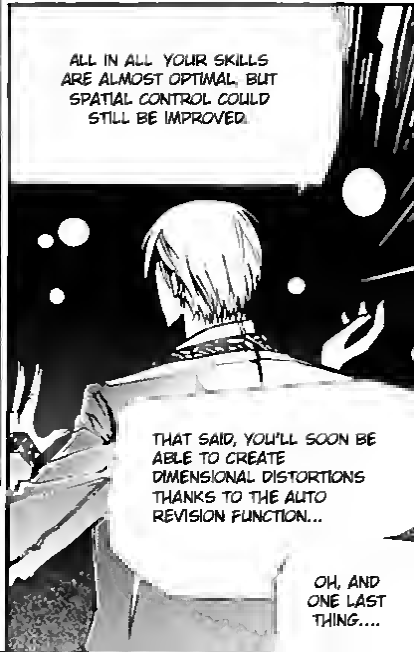
ALL IN ALL YOUR SKILLS ARE ALMOST OPTIMAL, BUT SPATIAL CONTROL COULD STILL BE IMPROVED.
THAT SAID, YOU'LL SOON BE ABLE TO CREATE DIMENSIONAL DISTORTIONS THANKS TO THE AUTO REVISION FUNCTION...
OH, AND ONE LAST THING....

YOUR MEMORY PROBLEMS DON'T STEM FROM THE MAIN MODULE. IT'S A SELF-DEFENCE MECHANISM THAT MAKES YOU ERASE SOME INFORMATION...
TERROR SETS OFF THE REACTION...
BECAUSE YOU KEEP BELIEVING YOU'RE A HUMAN BEING.

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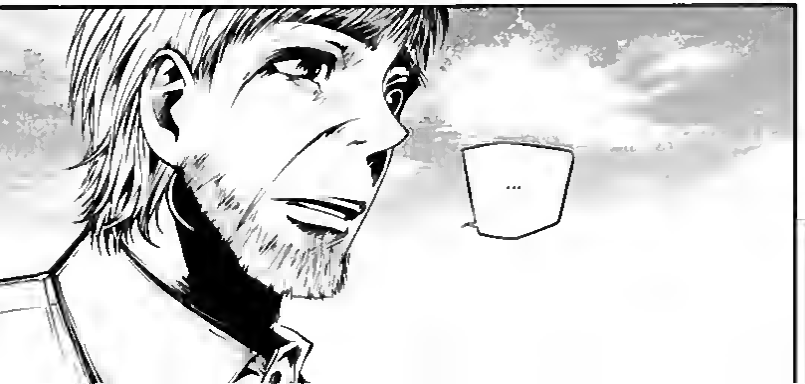
WHOOSH

HI, COULD I SPEAK WITH MR. RUBENS? OH, HE'S IN A NURSING HOME?
DO YOU HAVE THE ADDRESS?
OH... WELL COULD YOU AT LEAST GIVE ME THE PHONE NUMBER?

OUTSKIRTS OF COLOGNE
...
...
HELLO, MY NAME'S BONO MEYER.

HI, I'M MR. RUBEN'S CAREGIVER. I'M THE ONE YOU SPOKE TO ON THE PHONE.
AS I ALREADY EXPLAINED TO YOU, HE HASN'T SPOKEN TO ANYONE IN YEARS...
I THINK YOU'VE WASTED YOUR TIME.
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME? IT'S ME, BONO!
I WAS YOUR LITTLE NEIGHBOUR.
YOU NICKNAMED ME "SPACE BOY" BECAUSE I HAD GONE TO SPACE.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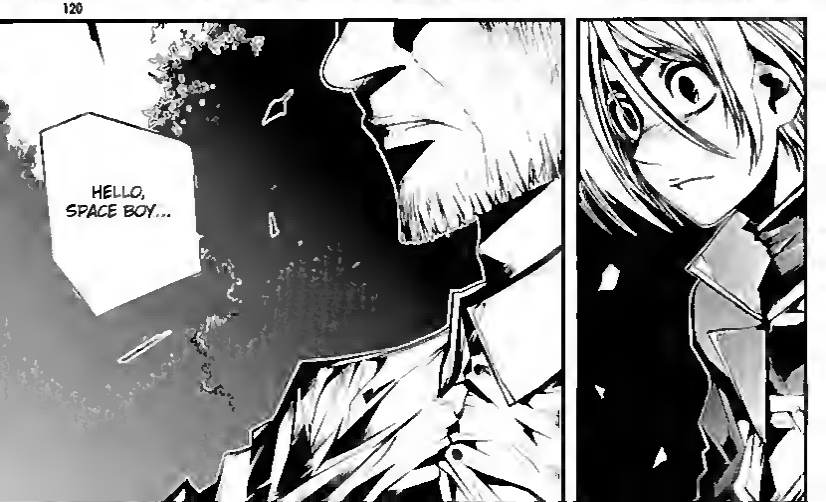
I TOLD YOU SO.
EVEN TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, HE COULD ONLY PRONOUNCE A FEW WORDS...
MR. RUBENS...
DO YOU EVER GET VISITORS?
I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE YOUR WIFE COMES TO SEE YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AS FAR AS I KNOW, HE'S NEVER BEEN MARRIED! HE HAS NO FAMILY...
EXCUSE ME?!

YOU'D BETTER LEAVE, IT'S ALMOST NAP TIME.
SORRY YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY FOR NOTHING...
I DON'T MIND...
GOOD-BYE.
SCHTCH


HELLO, SPACE BOY...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU RECOG-NIZE ME?
IT'S YOU... WHO ERASED MY WIFE...
SHE DISAPPEARED...
FOREVER!
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PLEASE MA'AM! IT WON'T BE LONG ..
I ABSOLUTELY MUST SPEAK TO TONY!

I'M SORRY, BUT IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE.
COULD I COME AND SEE HIM SOMETIME?
NO! CERTAINLY NOT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT...
MY SON IS SO MAD AT YOU THAT HE WANTS YOU DEAD!
WHAT?!
I HAVE TO HANG UP HE'D BE FURIOUS IF HE KNEW I SPOKE TO YOU. GOODBYE, BONO...
NO, WAIT!!

HAVE YOU RECENTLY SPOKEN TO TONY'S FATHER?
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H-HOW?!
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED, BONO!
YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT I USED A SPERM DONOR TO CONCEIVE HIM!
I NEVER WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN!
WAIT, NO!
Click
Tuuuuu...

HMM...
Click
Click
JACOBI...
JULIANNE JACOBI...
Click
Mémories
HELLO?
HI, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK WITH MISS JACOBI!
...
WHO IS THIS?
MISS JACOBI?! IT'S ME, BONO! YOU GAVE ME PIANO LESSONS WHEN I WAS A KID!
YOU EVEN SUGGESTED I ENTER COMPETITIONS! DO YOU REMEMBER?!

OF COURSE I REMEMBER YOU...
GREAT! I WANTED TO ASK YOU..
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO STEAL FROM ME NOW?
EXCUSE ME?!
YOU TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME ALREADY..
YOU CUT ME OFF FROM SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT... BOREDOM, I CAN'T REMEMBER IT! HE HE...
MISS JACOB!?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND

DIRTY THIEF! I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME BACK MY MEMORY!
BECAUSE OF YOU, I CAN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU TOOK FROM ME!
EVERYONE THINKS I'M INSANE, BUT I KNOW IT'S WRONG! ADMIT YOU DID EVERYTHING! YOU'RE THE DEVIL!

RING
RING
...
YES,
HELLO?

He he...
SO, HOW GOES THE TREASURE HUNT?
HARDER THAN YOU EXPECTED, NO?
IS THAT YOU, INSPECTOR LIONEL?
BOND U. MEYER
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klingen Sie nur
YOU TAPPED MY PHONE?
REC
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! WHY ARE YOU HARASSING ME?!
IT'S JUST THAT ... I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF A FEW QUESTIONS...
BUT TELL ME... HOW DOES IT FEEL SPEAKING TO ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO'VE DESCENDED INTO MADNESS? HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU DID TO THEM?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
DISCONNECT
Click

RAAAAAAAH
THIS MAKES NO SENSE!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
DEAR GOD, WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?
TOO BAD! HE HUNG UP JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE HIM SOME GOOD ADVICE...
WHEN YOU LEAVE ON A TREASURE HUNT, YOU SHOULD NEVER SEARCH TOO FAR. THE TREASURE IS OFTEN HIDDEN VERY CLOSE BY...
YOU MAY ALREADY BE SITTING ON IT!